

IFW



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Hiroshi NOMURA et al. Group Art Unit : 2873
Appl. No. : 10/769,925 Examiner : Not Yet Assigned
Filed : February 3, 2004 Confirmation No. : 1907
For : CAM MECHANISM OF A LENS BARREL

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
220 20th Street S.
Customer Window, Mail Stop _____
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on April 9, 2004, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a United Kingdom Search Report that was mailed on June 29, 2004, with respect to patent family member United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB0402497.2, in which the following documents were cited:

U.S. Patent No. 6,072,643 to NISHIO et al., which issued on June 6, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,035,136 to HAYASHI et al., which issued on March 7, 2000;

and

U.S. Patent No. 5,790,902 to MIZOUCHI et al., which issued on August 4, 1998.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the United Kingdom Examiner applying United Kingdom rules to the United Kingdom claims are set forth in the United Kingdom Search Report.

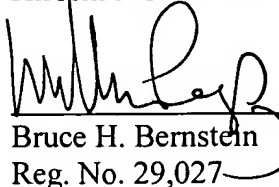
Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. The above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the United Kingdom Search Report is also attached. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hiroshi NOMURA et al.

 Reg No 33636
Bruce H. Bernstein
Reg. No. 29,027

July 28, 2004
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1950 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 716-1191

JUL 29 2004
 PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
 S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group
2873

[illegible][illegible][illegible]

DATE CONSIDERED

*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.